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DEFOCUSING AND METHOD OF)
OBTAINING CORRECT FOCUSING)

Atty. Dkt. : OKI 360)

**INFORMATION
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STATEMENT**

March 11, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted under 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, within the time period specified by 37 CFR 1.97(c).

A Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed therein are attached. One reference is an international publication that is written in the Japanese language. English language information about the international publication is being provided in the form of the other reference, which appears to be the U.S. counterpart.

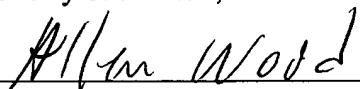
The international publication was cited by the Japanese Patent Office during prosecution of the Japanese application whose priority is claimed in the present U.S. application. An English translation of a relevant portion of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed to provide further English language information about the relevance of the reference.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

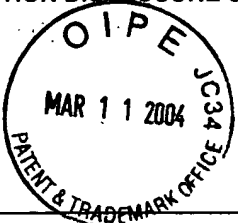
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